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SUBJECT: NEW RHODESIAN INCURSION IN MOZAMBIQUE ANNOUNCED: MACHEL TO ADDRESS NATION; FRONT LINE STATE CHIEFS MEET

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1. ALL MOZAMBIQUE MEDIA JUNE 18 CARRYING ANNOUNCEMENT THAT PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL TO ADDRESS THE NATION "AND THE WORLD" IN A RADIO ADDRESS AT 1700 HOURS LOCAL JUNE 18.

2. ALL MEDIA ALSO CARRYING STATEMENT BY DEFENSE MINISTRY ANNOUNCING NEW SERIOUS RHODESIAN MILITARY INCURSION INTO
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MZAMBIQUE. STATEMENT TRANSLATES AS FOLLOWS:
QUOTE: THE RACIST FORCES OF IAN SMITH, AFTER PERPE-
TRATING VARIOUS CRIMINAL AGGRESSIONS AGAINST THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE IN TETE AND GAZA PROVINCES, UNLEASHED A NEW ATTACK AGAINST THE DISTRICT OF MOS-
SURIZE IN MANICA PROVINCE ON JUNE 11. IN THIS ODIOUS ACTION, THE RACIST FORCES WERE EQUIPPED WITH HEAVY

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ARTILLERY, ARMORED CARS, TRUCKS TRANSPORTING PERSONNEL
AND MATERIAL, RECONNAISSANCE AND BOMBER AIRCRAFT, AND
HELICOPTER-BORN FORCES. AFTER DROPPING VARIOUS TYPES
OF BOMBS ON FARMS AND HABITATED ZONES ENEMY TROOPS
COMMITTED CRIMES AGAINST THE POPULATION, BURNING THEIR
HOME IN ESPUNGABERA ZONE (20 28S 32 463), PEOPLE'S
STORES, BARNS AND DYNAMITED A BRIDGE OVER THE MOSSURIZE
RIVER. CONTINUING WITH THEIR CRIMINAL ACTIONS THE
INVADING FORCES TRIED TO ADVANCE TO MACHAZE (20 48S 33 24E)
WHEN THEY WERE INTERCEPTED AND COUNTERATTACKED BY
MOZAMBIQUE ARMED FORCES (FPLM) SUPPORTED BY POLICE
AND MILITIAMAN. AT THIS MOMEMENT, COMBAT CONTINUES
WITH LOSSES HAVING BEEN INFLICTED ON THE RHODESIAN TROOPS.
END QUOTE.

3. ACCORDING TO NOTICIAS JUNE 18, MACHEL WAS IN NAMPULA
JUNE 17 WHERE HE MET WITH TANZANIA PRESIDENT JULIUS
NYERERE, TANZANIAN DEFENSE MINISTER KAWAWA, AND A
PERSONAL EMISSARY FROMZAMBIAN PRESIDENT KAUNDA IN
"ONE OF THE REGULAR SERIES" OF FRONT LINE CHIEFS OF STATE
MEETINGS.

4. LOCAL NEW CHINA NEWS AGENCY CORRESPONDENT TOLD
EMBOFF EVENING JUNE 17 THAT ON JUNE 16 MACHEL CALLED IN
FOUR OR FIVE AMBASSADORS TO DISCUSS ATTACK, IN-
CLUDING TANZANIAN, ZAMBIAN AND SOVIET AMBASSADORS.
HE SPECULATED THAT MACHEL CONSULTING WITH THOSE COUNTRIES
WITH WHOM MOZAMBIQUE HAS DEFENSE ARRANGEMENTS. ZAMBIAN
DIPLOMAT CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF EVENING JUNE 17 THAT ZAM-
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BIAN AMBASSADOR CALLED IN SUDDENLY TO SEE MACHEL AFTER-
NOON OF JUNE 16. HE DECLINED COMMENT FURTHER EXCEPT TO
NOTE THAT SUBJECT OF TALK WAS RHODESIAN ATTACK.
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